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WING TIPS

HOT NEWS: GOV. PROCLAIMS 20 FEBRUARY CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

Governor Dennis Daugaard issued a proclamation that designated 20 February as Civil Air Patrol Day in South Dakota. The proclamation commends SDWG for its multitude of missions and service to local communities, counties and the state. A copy of the proclamation is attached at the end of this newsletter.



GOV. DAUGAARD POSES WITH THE SDWG CONTINGENT AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY

Photo by Lieutenant Vincent Brown, Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

HOT NEWS: WING LEGISLATIVE DAY AT STATE CAPITOL: On Thursday, 20 February members of the Wing from across the state converged on the state Capitol in Pierre to meet with legislators to thank them for their support. Over 40 members representing all six squadrons made the trip.

Col. Seten commented, “The purpose is to tell state policymakers the story of Civil Air Patrol in South Dakota, of the many volunteer hours spent on air and ground missions for local, county, tribal, state and federal government, law enforcement agencies and first responder organizations. We also want them to know of our cadet program that prepares young people not just for careers in the military, but to be good citizens.” He also said it is important that the public understands in a time of limited budgets, SDWG helps stretch the resources of the state and saves money by using well-trained, professional volunteers, volunteers who are held to the same level of performance and knowledge as their paid colleagues.

At the opening of their respective sessions the state Senate and House of Representatives recognized the many contributions of the South Dakota Wing with a prolonged standing ovation. In the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Matt Michels, who was presiding, specifically commended our involvement in the state’s flood response efforts in 2011 and our support in state recovery efforts from 2013’s Winter Storm Atlas.



Uniformed members of Wing served a snack in the lobbies off the Senate and House chambers for legislators, lobbyists, staff and others. Thanks to Lieutenant Rachel Kuecker the cupcakes all had CAP and SDWG insignia on them as did the water bottles on the table. Our personnel briefed senators and representatives on the latest enhancements and advancements to the Wing’s abilities and capabilities, answered questions and handed out copies of CAP’s annual financial report and SDWG’s legislative brochure.

A pleasant surprise for a small group of our members was an impromptu chat with U.S. Senator John Thune (R-SD) who was in the Capitol building for other business. He stopped his scheduled itinerary and spent several minutes shaking hands and talking with us. Later that afternoon Governor Dennis Daugaard met the nearly 40 members representing all six squadrons and the wing staff on the Grand Staircase of the Capitol Rotunda for a brief visit and group picture.



Wing Commander Col. John Seten and Lt. Col. Jim Hopewell of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron contributed to this item. The photo is by Lieutenant Vincent Brown of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron.

HOT NEWS: SDWG’S NEWEST PILOT: SDWG has a brand new pilot, C/Col William Small. On 6 February, William travelled from his home in Spearfish to Brookings in a CAP aircraft. In Brookings he met with FAA Designated Pilot Examiner John Barney who administered his practical and oral tests and the flight checkride for a private pilot’s license. William flew to Brookings as a student pilot but returned to Rapid City as “pilot-in-command” of the CAP aircraft. William was accompanied to Brookings by his chief flight instructor, Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, himself a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI), who spent many hours closely working with

William on the entire process. William also received training and advice from CAP members (and CFIs) 1st Lt. Marty Larson, Lt. Col. Jerry Densmore and Maj. Craig Goodrich. Col. Seten, Lt. Col. Hewett and Capt. D. Small contributed to this article.



PHOTO-1



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PHOTO-1 - DESIGNATED PILOT EXAMINER JOHN BARNEY ADMINISTERS THE PRIVATE PILOT EXAMS TO WILLIAM

PHOTO-2 - DESIGNATED PILOT EXAMINER JOHN BARNEY CONGRATULATES WILLIAM AFTER HIS SUCCESSFUL CHECKRIDE

PHOTO-3 - LT. COL. GARY HEWETT, WILLIAM'S CHIEF FLYING INSTRUCTOR, CONGRATULATES SDWG'S NEWEST PRIVATE PILOT

Photo Credits: Photo-1 & Photo-2, Lt. Col. Gary Hewett; Photo-3, Paul Hanusa, FBO manager at Brookings Airport

- **SOUTH DAKOTA'S JOE FOSS HONORED IN ARIZONA.** South Dakota native Joe Foss has been honored in Arizona. Members and the color guard of Yuma Composite Squadron 508 of the Arizona Wing attended a ceremony in which the honor was bestowed. Foss was honored by having an aircraft hangar named for him at the dedication of the new Aviation Industrial Center within the Defense Contractor Complex at Yuma International Airport in Yuma, Arizona. The Aviation Industrial Center is a single structure housing a huge, 24,000 square foot hangar plus space for offices and engineering shops. The aviation center will fill a vital role in research and development of advanced technologies for the aerospace industry.

Joseph Jacob "Joe" Foss (1915-2003) was the leading fighter ace of the Marine Corps during World War II and a 1943 recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Guadalcanal campaign. In postwar years, he achieved fame as the founder of South Dakota's Air National Guard and eventually rose to the rank of General in the Air Guard, was the 20th Governor of South Dakota, two time President of the National Rifle Association, the first commissioner of the American Football League, and had a career as a television broadcaster as well.

Ironically, several years ago Foss gave Arizona aviation officials a bit of a black eye. At Phoenix's International Airport Joe, then 86, was detained by airport security when screening detected his Medal of Honor. The security officers, not recognizing what it was, wanted to confiscate and destroy the medal and the related memorabilia he was carrying. Publicity of the incident embarrassed Arizona aviation officials. In later years Joe and his wife lived in Scottsdale, AZ. He died on January 1, 2003 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.



ARIZONA WING CAP LIEUTENANT JANET WATSON HOLDS A PIECE OF THE HANGAR DEDICATION BANNER

Photos by: CAP Lieutenant Mark Watson, used with permission of the Arizona Wing

- **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS:** SDWG flew aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife on the 6th, 7th, 15th, 18th, 29th and 31st of January in support of the state Department of Game, Fish & Parks and South Dakota State University. The GF&P surveyed deer, goats, mountain lions, and elk. The SDSU surveyed elk and bobcats. 12.5 flight hours were in support of GF&P and 11.1 flight hours were in support of SDSU for a total of 23.6 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills. CAP Pilots for the January surveys were Lt. Col. Gary Hewett and Col. Mike Beason. In February similar missions were flown on the 11th, 12th, 25th & 26th for a total of 16.3 flying hours (10.3 for GF&P, 6.0 for SDSU). The pilot was Lt. Col. Hewett.

- **LOW, SLOW AND IN THE KNOW!** Submitted by Lt. Col. Larson. On 5 February, CAP officers Lt. Neil Schmid and Lt. Col. Larson met with two officers of the South Dakota Air National Guard, Lt. Col. Greg



Lair, Commander of the 175th Fighter Squadron (also a CAP pilot) and Capt. Jerry Grotjohn, 175th Fighter Squadron Airspace Manager, to brief them on the results of SDWG 2013 Low-Level Route Survey (LLRS) missions and to begin making plans for SDWG LLRS missions in 2014.

Each year since 1998 the South Dakota Air National Guard requests SDWG conduct LLRS of selected military training air routes and aerial Military Operations Areas (MOA). The purpose is to locate and identify uncharted obstructions such as antenna towers and noise sensitive areas (such as stock pens) that should be avoided by SDANG pilots.

When SDWG flies a LLRS, a command post is set up for C³ support for the aircraft. SDWG Lt. Col. Larson serves as Incident Commander. Lt. Schmid of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron is Project Officer and Lead Planner for LLRS missions. Wing Commander Col. Seten and Vice Commander Lt. Col. Larson thank all of the flight crews on the 2013 LLRS missions - 65 hours flying in direct support to military flight safety.

In the photo (L-R): - Lt. Col. Greg Lair, 175th Fighter Squadron Commander, SDANG; SMSgt (Lt. Col., CAP) Rick Larson, SDANG; Capt. Jerry Grotjohn, 175th Fighter Squadron, SDANG; Lt. Neil Schmid, CAP. Photo by SSgt Garret Gibbs, SDANG.



**CAP LIEUTENANT VINCENT BROWN
PHOTOGRAPHS POTENTIAL OBSTRUCTIONS
AND NOISE SENSITIVE AREAS**



A CAP LOW-LEVEL ROUTE SURVEY FLIGHT IDENTIFIED RADIO ANTENNA TOWERS AT TURKEY RIDGE THAT COULD POSE A HAZARD TO LOW FLYING MILITARY AIRCRAFT

- **SDWG FORMING STATE LEGISLATIVE SQUADRON:** In February SDWG began planning for formation of a Legislative Squadron. A Legislative Squadron consists of state legislators, elected state officials, and their key staff members. Largely a ceremonial unit, there are no annual dues for members nor any duties or responsibilities. Members receive a membership certificate and membership card and are granted the honorary rank of Major. Members are authorized to fly in CAP aircraft, visit CAP unit meetings and attend CAP social events. The South Dakota Legislative Squadron will have the unit identifier NCR-SD-999. Letters of invitation were sent out to all 105 state legislators (70 Representatives and 35 Senators) and to selected state officials to include the Adjutant General. 43 states currently have Legislative Squadrons.

- **CAP COMMAND COUNCIL MEETS IN WASHINGTON:** From NHQ/PA [edited]: Before CAP's Command Council convenes in Washington, D.C., from 28 February – 1 March, for its annual winter meeting, it will gather on Capitol Hill for Legislative Day on Feb. 27 to brief Congress on the CAP's three primary missions of emergency services, aerospace education and cadet programs. Legislative Day will also feature induction of U.S. Senator Tom Harkin into CAP's Hall of Honor.

CAP will thank Harkin for his 30 years of CAP service during a congressional reception in the Senate's Russell Office Building. Harkin – a former Navy fighter pilot who commands CAP's Congressional Squadron – will become the 34th person inducted into the Hall of Honor in CAP's 72-year history, and only the second member of Congress, joining former New York Congressman and fellow CAP Col. Lester Wolff, inducted in 1985.

Since joining CAP in 1984, Harkin has been a rated CAP mission pilot and flown a number of training and actual missions, including counterdrug flights off the southern tip of Florida. He also has served as an adviser to CAP's national commanders, providing valuable insight on how CAP can best address some of its budget and operational challenges. Most recently, he introduced Congressional Gold Medal legislation honoring the service of CAP's founding members during World War II, which quickly passed the Senate under unanimous consent and with 83 cosponsors. CAP officers and cadets visiting Capitol Hill for Legislative Day will urge support for H.R. 755, the companion House bill to honor founding members of CAP with a Congressional Gold Medal for their volunteer service in conducting combat operations and other emergency missions during World War II.

CAP's Command Council will follow Legislative Day with its annual winter meeting, scheduled for Feb. 28 and March 1 in Washington. The Command Council consists of CAP's national commander, national vice commander, chief of staff, CAP's eight region commanders and its 52 wing commanders representing the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Its members serve as advisers to the national commander. South Dakota Wing Commander, Colonel John Seten, flew to Washington, DC to take part in the Legislative Day activity and participate in the meeting of the Command Council.

STAFF NOTES



WING COMMANDER

Col. John Seten, CAP

- Please join me in congratulating C/Maj Elizabeth Foy of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on her acceptance to the US Military Academy at West Point. I know she has worked very hard for this and I also know that she will serve the US Army well. Great job and well deserved!!

- Commanders and Wing Staff, thanks to all of you that were able to participate in our day at the SD State Capitol. It was a great success once again with a great turnout. Please thank your members on my behalf for

participating. Also, a special shout out to 2nd Lt Rachel Kuecker for all of the work she did in preparation. The cupcakes were AWESOME!!



WING HISTORIAN

Maj. Todd Epp

I met with Sonja Johnson, director of the SD National Guard Museum, Thursday morning before SD CAP Day at the capitol. We have a very good talk. She is very excited about working with the SDWG to put up an exhibit that shows how the CAP and the SDNG have worked and trained together on numerous missions and activities.

The deadline to assemble our exhibit, which would be up for three months or so to start (and could become permanent later), is the first part of August.

In conjunction with the exhibit, she would like for us to put on a short presentation about the CAP and the SDWG and how it has worked with the SDNG. She'd also like for some of our members who have been or are in the National Guard to also talk about their experiences.

The second presentation would be a day where we put on aerospace activities for a day in August during the museum's "summer camps." We would teach and have activities for 100-150 children total over the course of the day. Seems like a great opportunity to do some cadet recruiting and do a very public aerospace activity.

So, I am looking for photos, charts, objects, etc. on the following missions and activities we have done with the SDNG:

- Low Level Route Surveys
- Golden Coyote
- Radio training
- Use of and training in Air Guard's mobile command center
- MG Reich presenting C/Col. Small his Spaatz
- Encampments at Camp Rapid
- Flooding missions where the Air Guard assisted us (and we assisted them--I think we flew waders to Aberdeen for the Army Guard).
- Fire training by Air Guard firefighters.
- CPR training by Air Guard firefighters.
- Events at the Sioux Falls Air Guard base
- List of members who have been in both the SDNG and CAP. Gen. Mielke comes to mind as one of the more prominent members. Our CC and VC are either former or active SDNG, so that's also a big tie.

If I could get any materials you have on the above list (or anything I've missed) by 1 May 2014, that would be great. That will give me time to go through them, track down information, consult with Sonja,

organize the exhibit, and put together the 10 slide PowerPoint presentation that will kick off the event (and be shown with the exhibit.) I need to have the exhibit ready to go by late July.

Let me know if I have missed any joint activities.

I do have quite a few photos from 2010 to 2013, not so much pre-2009.

Also, I'll need someone to help me with the aerospace activities with the children. They'll generally be grade school aged.

I'm also tackling a more general exhibit about the SDWG at the Air and Space Museum at Ellsworth. More on that later.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-058, BROOKINGS)

(Item submitted by C/SrA Jared Peterson)

- **CADET ORIENTATION RIDES:** On 22 February, Capt. Matt Meert flew a Cessna-182T from the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron to Brookings so the cadets there could participate in the flight orientation program. The day's first o-ride involved Cadet Salem Pleasants and C/SrA Zebadiah Nelson, the second C/Amn Graham Dinnel and C/CMSgt Chris Dinnel. Each o-ride consisted of two sorties; the first sortie was from Brookings Regional Airport to Madison Municipal Airport where they landed, switched the cadet at the controls and then flew the second sortie back to Brookings Regional Airport. The orientation ride program exposes the cadets to the excitement and adventure of aviation, teaches them general aerodynamic principles and familiarizes them with light aircraft and general aviation.

CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068, CUSTER)

(Item submitted by 2nd Lt. K. Bierwirth, photos by 2nd Lt. K. Bierwirth and Capt. Moad)



SQUADRON VISITATION: The squadron was pleased to have had a guest speaker in February. Retired Air Force MSgt Slade Heeb spoke to us about his Air Force service and discussed some of the tips and tricks on preparing for inspections. He also discussed his career in law enforcement, search and rescue and the fire department. We learned a lot of useful things from him and we hope he will return to speak with us again. In the photo, taken by Lt. K. Bierwirth, Retired USAF Master Sergeant Heeb talks with C/SrA Thomas Dillon, C/TSgt Kyle Stiffarm and C/SMSgt Parry.



RED COSS SHELTER TRAINING: Squadron Commander Capt. Sharon Moad and C/SMSgt Jason Parry assisted with shelter training that the American Red Cross conducted in Rapid City. In the photo, taken by Capt. Moad, poor, homeless C/SMSgt Jason Parry, victim of a major catastrophe checks in with an American Red Cross shelter worker in his quest to find shelter, sympathy and hopefully a snack.



MODEL ROCKETRY: On the squadron's Aerospace Education night we continued working on the CAP model rocketry program. All of the cadets scored 100% on their model rocketry written exam. They then began working on building the next model rocket in the series. The participants are enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoy the fun and excitement of the program. Kudos to Lt. V. Bierwirth for leading the program, and to the cadets for their commitment! In the photo by Capt. Moad, C/SrA Thomas Dillon, Lt. V. Bierwirth, C/SMSGT Jason Parry and C/TSgt Kyle Stiffarm get to work on their model rockets.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-063, SPEARFISH)

(Item and photo by submitted by Capt. D. Small and Capt. S. Small)

- **NEW CADET COMMANDER:** The mantle of cadet command was passed as C/Col William Small handed over the position of Cadet Commander to C/TSgt Justin Harris in a ceremony on 13 February.



C/Col Small, from Piedmont, finished his second tenure as Cadet Commander, in preparation for a busy next few months before entering college at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in pursuit of a degree in electrical engineering. Later this month, he is off to Washington, to participate in the National Cadet Advisory Council, a group of only ten Cadet Colonels in the country entitled to wear the gold shoulder braid. He then leaves D.C. to go to Wuhan, China, to a language school for 12 weeks to study Mandarin. This summer, C/Col Small will, in the role of Encampment Cadet Commander, oversee the Joint Dakota Encampment. Incoming Cadet Commander Justin Harris is from

Spearfish. He lettered in Cross Country at Spearfish High School, where he also has achieved Honor Roll status. Harris also is active in indoor soccer, and competes with the Black Hills Gold Swim Team.

Photo (L to R): Capt. David Small, Squadron Commander, Outgoing Cadet Commander C/Col William Small, Incoming Cadet Commander C/TSgt Justin Harris and Cadet Administrative NCO C/CMSgt Connor Caneva.

PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-038, PIERRE)

(No Items submitted for this issue)

RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-031, RAPID CITY)

(Items and photos submitted by Maj. Goodrich)

- **WELCOME ABOARD:** Our squadron has five new senior members: Jacqueline Klatte-Rolfe, Gregory Klatte, Kevin Tenold, Andrew Weathers and to Capt. Marty Larson who rejoined. We are pleased you have chosen to join (and rejoin) CAP and proud that you are serving in our squadron.

- **ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET:** The squadron's annual awards banquet was held on January 17th at Minerva's Restaurant. The theme of the night was "America Party" as we celebrated the ideals of America in several ways. Live music during the mixer was provided by 2nd Lt. Jack Jensen, 2nd Lt. Mike Morgan, and Major Craig Goodrich. The musicians added Maj. Goodrich's daughter, Olivia, to help sing a parody song by Tim Hawkins, "The Government Can". After the Colors were posted, they led the squadron in singing "America the Beautiful". At the end of the program, the squadron sang "God Bless the USA" as the colors were

retired. Special guests present were, Senator John Thune's West River Chief of Staff, Qusi Al-Haj, and SD Senator Phil Jensen and his family. Keynote speaker was Major "Durka" Davis, a B-1B bomber instructor pilot and mission commander. Durka presented a terrific briefing on recent B-1 participation in various theaters of war. He has flown 136 B-1 Combat Sorties and provided a lot of insight into how the B-1 is employed, and what daily life is like of a deployed B-1 crewman.

Squadron Annual Awards presented were:

Jefferson Award: 2nd Lt. Jack Jensen

The Jefferson Award is presented annually to the squadron Senior Member who has demonstrated the greatest vision and potential during their first year of membership.

Roosevelt Award: C/A1C Blake Berry

The Roosevelt Award is presented annually to the squadron Cadet who has demonstrated the greatest vision and potential during their first year of membership

Washington Award: Lt. Col. Randy Borton

The Washington Award is presented annually to the squadron Senior Member who has demonstrated the greatest dedication and leadership during the year.

Lincoln Award: C/MSgt Errol Kelly

The Lincoln Award is presented annually to the squadron Cadet who has demonstrated the greatest dedication and leadership during the year.



FIRST FLIGHT: Cadet Airman Malia Goodrich experienced her first CAP flight on Saturday, February 1. At the aircraft's controls was her dad, Maj. Craig Goodrich. It was a sunny, windy and very cold day, with the wind chill well below zero. They were very thankful that they were able to do the preflight checks in a heated hangar.

As can be seen in the photo they both enjoyed the orientation ride.

This photo will be on the cover of the next issue of South Dakota Wing Roundup magazine.

SIoux FALLS COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-050, SIOUX FALLS)

(Items by: Maj. Kipp, SM Lair, Capt. Schmid, Capt. Erickson, photos by Capt. Erickson, SM Lair)

- **SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL/CORPORATE LEARNING COURSE:** On 8 February, a Squadron Leadership School (SLS) and a Corporate Learning Course (CLC) were conducted simultaneously at the squadron headquarters. Both courses were headed by Col. Mary Donley assisted by talented and experienced individuals who taught various course modules.



Both of these courses are components of the CAP's Senior Member Professional Development Program. SLS is a requirement for Level II and CLC a requirement for Level III.

Congratulations to all of the graduates!

In the photo Col. Donley explains the day's activities to participants.

- **ORIENTATION RIDES:** New senior member Greg Lair, a pilot, has allowed the squadron to revitalize its orientation ride program. We flew four of six planned o-rides on 15 February. This photo, taken by SM Lair, shows C/Amn Julia Lair and C/Amn Keith Warne after their sorties. Cadet Lair received a Certificate of First Flight. This was the second flight for Cadet Warne. Cadets Ivan and Kyle Kreger also flew on an o-ride. Unfortunately, the wind kicked up after landing from Sortie #4 and there wasn't time for a photo of Kregers in the rush to secure the aircraft.



Squadron Commander Capt. Erickson, pictured at right, wants to reinstate passing out orientation ride parent information brochures, presenting Orientation Flight Certificates to participants at the next squadron meeting, and news releases sent to local media.

In addition, Capt. Erickson has secured permission from Col. Seten to periodically fly aircraft to Brookings to conduct orientation rides for their cadets. Further SFCS o-ride sorties are planned for 22 February.

- **COLD WEATHER CAN'T HOLD US DOWN:** SFCS folks must be hardy stock! In late January the day started out a cool -18 F but warmed up to a balmy +10 F. At the weekly Thursday night meeting, the attendance was standing room only with 55 seniors, cadets and parents attending. The meeting covered the required annual safety briefing focusing on operational risk management. All in attendance were attentive to Capt. Erickson's presentation and, as always, learning tips on the elements of safety and risk avoidance were shared.



STANDING ROOM ONLY AT A JANUARY SIOUX FALLS COMPOSITE SQUADRON MEETING

- **COLOR GUARD CHANGE IN COMMAND:** On 6 February, C/CMSgt Devon Brown became the new Color Guard Commander. He follows in the command position previously held by C/Capt Brandon West. The color guard is guided by the expert leadership of senior members Maj. Justin Johnson, the Deputy Commander for Cadets, and by Capt. Karla West, Color Guard Coordinator and the designated "Mom" of the elite team. This year the team's goal is to continue to perform at community events and to provide honor guard and color guard training to help cadets, especially younger cadets, to develop leadership skills and build character. The current Color Guard is comprised of Cadets: C/CMSgt Devon Brown, C/SMSgt Austin Cole, C/TSgt Josiah Huntington, C/A1C Ivan Kreger, C/A1C Kyle Kreger, C/CMSgt Matias Kowang, C/MSgt Nicholas Nash, C/Amn Lathen Norling, C/TSgt Jaden Roblewsky, and C/Amn Keith Warne (not pictured).



★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Senior Member Promotions



Congratulations to Bryan Sharp of Rushmore Composite Squadron on a well-deserved promotion to Major! He recently moved to North Dakota so will likely be transferring to NDWG soon.



Congratulations to Neil Schmid of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Captain!



Congratulations to Tyler Cavin of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of First Lieutenant, effective 9 December!

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Cadet Chris Dinnel and Cadet Laura Rudnik of Big Sioux Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Chief Master Sergeant and receipt of the Goddard Award!



Congratulations to Cadet Austin Rauscher of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron on his promotion to Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Cadet Bronson Lynn and Cadet Zebadiah Nelson, both of Big Sioux Composite Squadron, and to Cadet Ryan Harris of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Cadet Steven Diaconu of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron and to Cadet Ayrika Dempsey of Big Sioux Composite squadron on promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the General Hap Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Cadet Tyler Eberle and Cadet Dalton Mann of Rushmore Composite Squadron and to Cadet Graham Dinnel and Cadet Josiah Jorenby of Big Sioux Composite Squadron on promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman and receipt of the General Curry Award!



★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★

AFA OUTSTANDING CIVIL AIR PATROL CADET OF THE YEAR: U.S. Air Force Maj James Smith, a B-1 instructor from Ellsworth AFB and President of the Rushmore Chapter of the Air Force Association, presented the Air Force Association's Outstanding Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year for the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron to C/Col William Small. This award comes with a special AFA ribbon bar and medal.



AFA CAP CADET OF THE YEAR RIBBON

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR: In February, Capt. David Small presented Capt. Sylvia Small with the certificate appointing her a CAP Character Development Instructor (CDI). CDIs are part of the CAP



Chaplain Corps and are appointed to provide character development instruction in the cadet program under the direction of a chaplain designated by the wing chaplain. When no chaplain is assigned to a unit, the CDI works directly for the unit commander while maintaining liaison with the wing chaplain. Character Development Instructors are required to undergo a stringent vetting process by NHQ before acceptance as a CDI. When duly appointed, and upon completion of technician training, CDIs may wear the specialty badge.



TECHNICIAN LEVEL BADGE FOR A CDI. IN THE PHOTO CAPT. D. SMALL PRESENTS THE CDI CERTIFICATE TO CAPT. S. SMALL



Congratulations to C/CMSgt Camile Lynn of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron on earning the Neil Armstrong Award!



Congratulations to 1st Lt. Tyler Cavin of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on his receipt of the Benjamin O' Davis Jr. Award! The award is presented to CAP members who complete Level II of the Senior Member Professional Development Program.



Congratulations to SM Jeffrey Dill and to SM Ronald Lenz of the Rushmore Composite Squadron on their receipt of the Membership Ribbon! The award is presented to members who complete Level I of the CAP Senior Member Professional Development Program.



Congratulations to 1st Lt. Christine Voll on her appointment as Rushmore Composite Squadron Supply Officer, Testing Officer and Bldg. Manager, to SM Jeffrey Dill on his appointment as squadron Safety Officer, and to SM Ronald Lenz on his appointment as squadron AE Officer and Asst. Bldg. Manager.



Congratulations to C/Capt Brandon West of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on his appointment as Squadron Commander at the 2014 Joint Dakota Cadet Leadership Encampment.



Congratulations to C/CMSgt Jared Doyle of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron on appointment as Cadet Stan/Eval Organizer at the 2014 Joint Dakota Cadet Leadership Encampment.

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, One week prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December, 1941, Congress established the Civil Air Patrol to supplement our nation's military forces. South Dakotan men and women were among the first citizens to sign up for the Civil Air Patrol and its homeland security missions during World War II; and,

Whereas, In 1948, Congress permanently established the Civil Air Patrol as an auxiliary of the new United States Air Force; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's Civil Air Patrol currently includes 183 senior members and 101 cadets who serve in six squadrons throughout South Dakota. Civil Air Patrol squadrons in South Dakota and across the nation are highly regarded as a lifesaving volunteer service organization. In 2013, Civil Air Patrol is credited with saving 44 lives nationwide; and,

Whereas, In 2013, the South Dakota Civil Air Patrol provided extensive support to state and county Offices of Emergency Management in the recovery effort in the aftermath of Winter Storm Atlas. The South Dakota Civil Air Patrol Wing received the 2013 CAP Disaster Relief Award for the North Central Region for its outstanding disaster relief work; and,

Whereas, Through its cadet programs, the Civil Air Patrol provides training and inspiration to South Dakota's youth, offering service opportunities, training in emergency services techniques, as well as leadership development programs; and,

Whereas, As part of its education initiative, the Civil Air Patrol reaches out to educators and students through our nation's schools offering academic programs that emphasize science, technology, engineering, and math; and,

Whereas, We are grateful for the remarkable volunteers who make up South Dakota's Civil Air Patrol Wing and provide invaluable service to the state of South Dakota and its people:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2014, as

CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K. Miller Deputy

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State